GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER TO DELHI
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh is releasing only a fraction of the volume of water to Delhi for Sonia Vihar Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons advanced by the State for short supply of the water;

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken to regulate the water supply in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Delhi Jal Board has informed that against the allocation of 300 cusecs of water Uttar Pradesh is releasing only 105 cusecs.

(c) Government of Uttar Pradesh has maintained that the releases from Tehri dam are not sufficient for its own water requirement as it was less than the normal flows in river Bagirathi before the construction of dam for the corresponding period.

(d) & (e) During 2005-06, a number of Inter-State meetings have been taken by Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Power at the level of Secretary to sort out the issue of release of water for Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant by Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Praadesh & Delhi have been requested to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant. In this regard, Government of Delhi has already submitted a draft MoU to Uttar Pradesh. Minister (WR) in October 2006 and Secretary (WR) in February 2007 had also requested Uttar Pradesh to release the full quantity of water of 300 cusecs to Delhi for Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to meet the drinking water needs of the people of Delhi.